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Review of Ordnance Factories
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any review has been made regarding the performance of ordnance factories by the Ordnance Factory Board;

(b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof;

(c) the steps taken by the Government for improving the performance of these ordnance factories;

(d) whether the Government proposes to provide financial autonomy to them for expediting the decision making process by the ordnance factories; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (DR. SUBHASH BHAMRE)
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
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(a) to (c): Yes, Madam. Performance of Ordnance Factories is being regularly reviewed by Ordnance Factory Board and the Ministry. Some of the major steps taken in this regard are as follows:

(i) Modernization of Ordnance Factories to keep pace with the latest technology and to maintain the production capacity in tandem with the requirement of Armed Forces. As compared to an expenditure of Rs. 2927 crore in the 11th Plan, already an expenditure of Rs. 4239 crore has been incurred during the first four year (2012-16) of the 12th Plan. In 2016-17, an expenditure of Rs. 116.67 crore is envisaged.

(ii) To improve upon the production planning in Ordnance Factory Board (OFB), Army has started placing 5 years roll-on indents for ammunition items.

(iii)

Quality Audit Group (QAG) have been formed at 10 centres as an independent authority for giving impetus to and ensuring quality in Ordnance Factories.
(iv) 13 Ordnance Development Centres (ODCs) with identified core technologies have been created to take up product development and improvement in core product areas.

(d) & (e): In order to provide greater autonomy and expedite decision making process, Ministry has delegated financial powers towards procurement of Stores and Plant & Machinery to Ordnance Factory Board.

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